



Strathfield Rotary News



The Weekly Bulletin of the Rotary Club of Strathfield Inc.
District 9690, New South Wales, Australia

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October is Vocational Service Month

Kev's Conveyances

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

We certainly can feel proud as a club when we have members who immediately embrace the true ideals of Rotary and provide financial assistance for victims of the recent natural disasters in our region. I felt honoured as your President, to receive a cheque for a considerable amount, from a member who requests anonymity, and that request will be honoured, but who I feel deserves "quiet" acknowledgement for his wonderful gesture in kick-starting our club's effort to provide assistance to District Governor Paul Reid's Disaster Appeal Fund, that will distribute funds where they are most needed, through Rotary Programs.

It was also pleasing to see Allan and Welwyn Petersen support the great humanitarian and educational work provided by the Rotary Foundation in honouring their son, Andrew, with a Paul Harris Fellowship for his service to the community through his dedication to his profession of environmental law. Congratulations Andrew.

Andrew conveyed to members his high level of knowledgeable expertise together with detailed common sense information during his speech on the climate change issue and I am positive we all gained a greater understanding of the complexities involved for those making decisions for our future and the hope that their wisdom will enable benefits for all of mankind.

There are a couple of special events being organised by other clubs in our district that members may be interested in attending during the next couple of months. The first is The Ken Nicholls

This Week's Meeting

Travelling the Silk Road

Brian Lawrenson

Introduced by PP Joe Saad Thanked by Ray Wilson

Memorial Dinner, to be held on Saturday 21st November from 6.30pm at Blacktown RSL Club and then closer to home on Saturday 12th December, Burwood Rotary Club will be celebrating their seventieth anniversary and at the same time celebrating PDG Harry Pickett's fifty years as a member of the club, with a Gala Dinner at The Burwood RSL Club, commencing at 6.30pm for 7.00pm.

Tonight we welcome Brian Lawrenson, Past President of the Breakfast Point Rotary Club, who will entertain us with his travel adventures along the Silk Road.

Cheers, **President Kevin**

Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Peter Douglas

Climate Change: The Undiscovered Country

Our guest speaker was Andrew Petersen, son of Rotarian PP Allan Petersen who introduced him to the club. Andrew was born at Wagga Base Hospital and did his secondary education at Hurlstone Agricultural College. He then completed two degrees at Sydney University including a Masters degree in Environmental Science. He is currently an Equity Senior Partner with Price Waterhouse Coopers,

The subject of Andrew's address was Climate Change: The Undiscovered Country.

There is no doubt that the current topic which is on every thinking persons mind is the subject of Climate Change. It is an issue that is extremely divisive even amongst the scientific brains of our community and certainly the whole question of Climate Change can cause bewilderment amongst the general public.

Climate Change is the challenge of the current generation at both the Scientific



President Kevin with Andrew Petersen

and Economic level and most certainly at the Political level.

What is contributing to the increasing level of greenhouse gases? Firstly, the burning of fossil fuels - a process that has been occurring since stone age man discovered fire but which has dramatically

increased over the last two hundred years with the industrialisation of the world. Secondly, the industrial processes which have been developed more recently including the growth in combustion engines in motor vehicles, thirdly, the leakage of refrigerants, fourthly, the growth in cattle numbers along with increased deforestation and lastly decay and decomposition of biological matter. In the 2007 year it was estimated that globally 34 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents were emitted. For Australia this figure was 559 million tonnes which is less than 0.2% of the worlds emissions,

The level of scientific consensus is high to very high currently but is less certain on future effects. Scientists agree that the increase in greenhouse gases is caused by an increase in the burning of fossil fuels since the industrial revolution and further that CO₂ levels are 31% above pre-industrial levels. Also, greenhouse gases trap more heat in the atmosphere but have different degrees of consensus on what the effect on mean average temperatures will be over the next 50 to 100 years.

The long term goal is to limit atmospheric concentration of CO₂ to 500 to 550 parts per million. The current figure is 380 ppm.

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Last Week's Proceedings

Recorded by PDG Harley Tarrant

From President Kevin

Requested members to complete Commitment Sheets for Trivia Night and Trip to Bowral and requested support. The Bowral trip will be via the South Coast and Macquarie Pass.

Reported that the board had decided to give Erin Greenhalgh an allowance of \$50 per week during school term to the end of June 2010 to support her indigenous education program at Meriden.

Advised that an email had been received from DG Paul Reid regarding the setting up of a disaster appeal. The board will consider the DG's request. President Kevin asked individual members to consider donations.

Reminded members of Burwood's Melbourne Cup night and requested those

members intending to attend to contact him.

From PP Peter Manenti

Requested support for the Wine Tasting evening on 18th November. Wine will be provided by Cabarita Cellars. There will be wines from different parts of the world and a wine auction. RC of Breakfast Point has transferred its meeting to support this event. It will be a partners' night.

From PP Ted Ingall

Distributed a copy of St Joseph's College News containing an item on the indigenous education program which was instituted by the college.

Advised that there are two rooms still available for the conference and that all those who have committed have received a conference kit.

There were no directors' reports.

PHF Presentation

Following Andrew Petersen's excellent address, Allan and Welwyn presented him with Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for his service to the community through his practice of environmental law. Allan and Welwyn provided the funds to The Rotary Foundation to honour Andrew in this way. Congratulations to Andrew and thanks to Allan and Welwyn for supporting the humanitarian work of The Foundation.

PHF Andrew Petersen with his wife, Elisabeth, Welwyn and Allan Petersen



Last Week's Presentation

Recorded by Peter Douglas

Climate Change: The Undiscovered Country (from page 1)

Carbon minimisation will affect the demand, price and costs of many products and services. Energy intensive sectors face continued regulation and transport emissions are the next big policy problem.

A range of actions are required to stabilise emissions. These include an

increase in industrial energy efficiency, a dramatic increase in wind power generation, switching from coal to gas power generation and finally a dramatic growth in power generation from nuclear power stations. There is no silver bullet only a portfolio of actions required.

What is Australia's position? The current government aims to pass legislation to commence emissions trading in 2011. It will impose mandatory reporting of emissions and energy production and energy consumption. It targets a reduction of 5% in emissions by 2020 and a scheme to source 20% of the nations electricity from renewable sources by 2020. What will

be the effect of these proposed changes? Some businesses who are high emitters will find it difficult to stay in business. Consumers will have to face up to higher prices for some goods and services.

Andrew's very professional presentation drew a substantial number of both questions and comments from club members and it was obvious that we are as divided as the community on this whole subject.

Andrew was thanked for his presentation by his mother, Welwyn.

Following the thanks we were privileged to see Andrew honoured with a Paul Harris Fellowship in the name of his parents.

Have a Laugh

A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

Bartender: "What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

Pirate: "Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

Bartender: "Well, ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

Pirate: "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really."

Bartender: "What about that eye patch?"

Pirate: "Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them shit in my eye."

Bartender: "You're kidding, you lost an eye just from bird shit?"

Pirate: "It was my first day with the hook."

Peter Smith

Congratulations

Birthdays

15th October

Peter Manenti

18th October

Pauline Khu

Wedding Anniversaries

None

Rotary Anniversaries

17th October

Arthur Crossan

Rotary Grace

O, Lord and giver of all good,
We thank you for our daily food,
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve you all our days.

Strathfield Rotary
Wine Tasting Evening

18 November 2009
6:30 for 7:00 pm
Strathfield Golf Club

Join Us!

For an evening of
fine wine, food, fun and fellowship

Special dinner menu
to complement the wines

Thanks to Cabarita Cellars
who will supply all wines
and provide expert commentary

All Welcome
Rotary Partners Night
Cost \$25 per person all inclusive
RSVP 11 November Rod McDougall 9746 2424

Dates for Your Diary

For catering purposes, please remember to send apologies or details of extra attendees by
4.00pm Tuesdays to Eric Khu 9746 0397
email: brontin@bigpond.com
Late apologies by 5.00pm Wednesdays to Kevin Freund 0412 494 125

21st October (Wednesday)

**Awareness: An Effective Way
to Beat Prostate Cancer**
Hayes van der Meer

Introduced by Peter Smith Thanked by Peter Foss

25th October (Sunday) ▶ Partners' Day ◀
A Day with the Alvaros

Join Domenico and Johanna Alvaro at their beautiful home at Bowral in the Southern Highlands.

28th October (Wednesday) ▶ Partners' Night ◀
Pride of Workmanship Awards

7th November (Saturday)

**Infant's Home Barbecue,
Bunnings, Ashfield**

10th November (Tuesday)

District Golf Day

11th November (Wednesday)

MS Ambassador
Erin Hodder

13th November (Friday) ▶ Allcomers' Night ◀
Trivia Night

18th November (Wednesday) ▶ Partners' Night ◀
Wine Tasting Evening
Hosted by Cabarita Cellars

25th November (Wednesday)
Hearing Voices Network

2nd December (Wednesday)
AGM

9th December (Wednesday) ▶ Partners' Night ◀
Strathfield Rotary Christmas Party

16th December (Wednesday)
Children's Christmas Party

18th February 2010 (Thursday)

Transfer meeting from 17th February
Trish MS Research Foundation Golf Day

19th to 21st March 2010

District 9690 Conference, Forster NSW

**The Rotary Club of Strathfield meets every Wednesday evening at Strathfield Golf Club, Centenary Drive, Strathfield.
Visitors welcome**

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon, then it's time for my nap.

Bob Hope

Make us Laugh

Captioning the Moment

Another, somewhat more recent photo from the archives. Again I challenge you to come up with an appropriate caption. Prize for the best contribution will be 20 free tickets in one of our regular weekly raffles.



Entries in writing to Trevor at
news@strathfieldrotary.org.au
or by fax to 9764 6943 or 8004 8115.

Trev's Trivia

What began as a £10 (\$20) bet between Lewis Hartley and his drinking buddy Reggie Sedgewick in the Beehive Inn at Gawthorpe, West Yorkshire, in 1963, has now become the Annual World Coal-Carrying Championships. In the competition, men carry a 50kg sack of coal over a distance of 1km. The current men's record is four minutes and six seconds. Women carry 20kg over the same distance. The current women's record is five minutes and five seconds.

Fotheringham's Sporting Trivia

Another Laugh

New Zealandish

Milburn - capital of Victoria
Peck - to fill a suitcase
Pissed aside - chemical that kills insects
Pigs - for hanging out washing
Pump - a prostitute's agent
Pug - large animal with curly tail
Nin tin dough - computer game
Munner stroney - soup
Min - male of the species
Jungle Bills - Christmas carol
McKenoock - person who fixes cars
Mere - Mayor
Leather - foam produced from soap
Lift - departed
Kittle Crusps - potato chips

Last Meeting's Statistics

Attendance: 33
Visiting Rotarians: None
Visitors: Andrew Petersen (Guest speaker)
Welwyn Petersen
Elisabeth Peet
Apologies: 14
Non-Apologies: 11
L.O.A.: Warren Abbott
George Helou
Doug Potter
Umesh Kamkolkar
Anuradha Kamkolkar
Raffle raised \$220.00
Winners
Ted Ingall
Grahame True
Joe Saad
Domenico Alvaro
The Sergeants raised \$102.20



Another Laugh



For the Travellers

The following are accounts of actual exchanges between airline pilots and control towers around the world.

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at ten o'clock, six miles."

Pilot: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches."

Tower: "TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 degrees."

Pilot: "Centre, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

Tower: "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

From an unknown aircraft waiting in a very long take off queue: "I'm f***ing bored."

Tower: "Last aircraft transmitting, identify yourself immediately."

Pilot: "I said I was f***ing bored, not f***ing stupid."

Tower (to a 747 pilot): "United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."

Pilot: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this...I've got the little Fokker in sight."

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, Air Traffic Control asked, "What was your last known position?"

Student: "When I was first in line for takeoff."

A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after toughing down.

San Jose Tower noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

A Pan Am 727 flight waiting for start clearance in Munich overheard the following exchange:

Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English."

Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful English accent): "Because you lost the bloody war."

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it yourself?" The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with, "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough for another one."

The air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: "Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of active runway."

Ground: "Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven."

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, and I didn't land."



Fellowship Event



Come and have a day with Domenico and Johanna Alvaro in Bowral. Commitment sheet now available.

This could be you



The Last Laughs



John and Helen met while on vacation, and John fell head over heels in love with her. After a couple of weeks in which John took Helen out to various dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, etc, he was convinced that it was true love. And so, on the last night of his vacation, the two of them went to dinner and had a serious talk about how the relationship would continue.

"It's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut," John said to his new found lady friend.

"I eat, sleep and breathe golf, so if that's going to be a problem, you'd better say so now!"

Helen took a deep breath and responded:

"Since we're being honest with each other, here goes You need to know that I'm a hooker."

"I see," John replied. "That's a problem, for sure."

He spent some time looking down at the table, deep in thought.

Then he added, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you tee off."

Kevin Beltrame

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it" *Mark Twain*

"He has no enemies, but he is intensely disliked by his friends." *Oscar Wilde*

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." *John Bright*

Peter Harries

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